

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Secretary  
Suggestion and Achievement Awards Committee

FROM: Bruce T. Johnson  
Chairman, Fine Arts Committee

SUBJECT: Suggestion 81-19 - Path Between Southwest  
Entrance and South Loading Dock

1. Subject suggestion is wearing a path of its own between the Awards Committee and the Fine Arts Commission. In the interest of getting the matter off dead center, let me state unequivocally that although the Commission sees merit in the suggestion, it does not believe that merit to be so great as to call for the allocation of any of the FAC's limited resources to fund the installation of the suggested sidewalk. As in the case of the walkway between the now closed northwest entrance and the northeast entrance, where pedestrian traffic has beaten a path through the grass and thus demonstrated the practical need for a paved walkway, so too the path between the southwest entrance and the south loading dock begins to provide similar evidence. There is no feeling on the part of the Fine Arts Commission, however, that the need is an immediately pressing one. We have already said in an earlier note that we believe the suggestor should be thanked for his interest and his concern for his fellow employees. Perhaps a certificate would be an appropriate form of recognition in this case. Given the limited resources available to the Agency and GSA for maintenance and improvements, and given also the large demands for allocation of those resources, early paving of this walk seems unlikely. Under the circumstances, there appears to be no basis for a cash award. The Commission does not believe that planting or fencing to inhibit access to the area would be either desirable or effective. Seeding and posting may provide at least a temporary solution and is probably worth a try.

2. With this memorandum we have said as much as we can about this suggestion and trust that we will not be asked for further comment.

/s/ Bruce T. Johnson

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